

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF AUGUST 22nd, 1935.

The Board of Public Works met in the office of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, on Thursday, August 22nd, 1935.

Present:

Harry W. Nice, President,
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

The Secretary read to the Board a letter received from the State Game Department, as follows:

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

GAME DIVISION

August 19, 1935.

To the Board of Public Works,
Honorable Harry W. Nice, Chairman,
Annapolis, Md.

Gentlemen:-

I am very sorry indeed to have to annoy you for funds, however, it is absolutely important at this time that the Game Division of the Conservation Department be furnished funds in some manner to carry out our work for the fiscal year for 1935 as we find ourselves financially embarrassed, caused by the purchase of property which we had not anticipated purchasing and which is charged in this fiscal year. Also the purchase and express charges on cottontail rabbits, which was unexpected.

I have been connected with the Department since 1916 and it is very unfortunate that this is the first time during my entire administration that we have been compelled to call on the Board of Public Works, or any other agency, to furnish funds for carrying on the work to finish out a fiscal year.

The Comptroller's report at the close of business July 31, 1935, shows a balance to our credit of \$10,751.70; however, shows a cash balance of \$17,651.25. Since August 1 we have requisitioned for payrolls to the amount of \$4110.23; for material and expenses \$1551.61, total \$5661.84. Our September payroll will be \$4232.20 and we find at present we only have a balance of \$5091.97 to our credit, therefore, subtracting the September payroll we have a net balance of \$859.77 on which to operate from this date to September 30, inclusive.

We have a large number of young birds which we are raising for distribution and a large number yet to be hatched. These birds, of course, must have feed. Our field forces have reduced their expenses to a minimum, still, they must have a traveling expense account and it is very important that we be supplied with funds to finish out our fiscal year. Our September sales of licenses, as a rule, are very good as September sales in 1934 were \$36,039.60, therefore, we would appreciate the favor very much indeed if your good Board would advance us, say, \$4,000. to finish out this fiscal year. We are not asking for a gift but only a loan and this loan can be paid back from the sale of hunting licenses sold in September, as licenses sold in September by the Clerks of the Courts are transmitted to the Comptroller's office on the first day of October each year. Therefore, if your good Board will authorize the Comptroller's office to take care of our requisitions from now until September 30, then whatever funds we necessarily will have to use could be deducted from the September sales, said sales of course occurring in this fiscal year but not being credited until the next fiscal year. Of course, it is impossible for us to expect our creditors, especially for feed, and our day-laborers at the game farms to wait until after October 1 to be re-imbursed.

Find inclosed a tabulation of salaries for the month of September, also tabulation of balances in all budget items and you will note under Operating Expenses are balances are very small, amounting to \$859.77. Also tabulation of expenditures August 1 to August 17.

Assuring you that we will appreciate the favor very much indeed if you will give this matter your serious consideration and grant our request, and with best wishes, I am

Yours respectfully,

E. Lee LeCompte /s/
State Game Warden

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After due consideration, it was agreed that the requisitions of the State Game Department to the end of the current fiscal year should be paid and that the receipts coming into the Treasury in the month of October from the sale of licenses in the month of September should be applied to the credit of the State Game Fund to the extent that the obligations of the Department to the end of the fiscal year 1935 be paid.

The following letter from Mr. H. C. Byrd, Acting President of the University of Maryland was read and considered.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
College Park

August 22, 1935.

Hon. Wm. S. Gordy, Jr.,
Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Mr. Gordy:-

Last Winter, if you will remember, I spoke to you at some length about the necessity for a new boiler for the heating plant of the branch of the University located at College Park. With our present buildings it has been necessary to run both boilers at the same time so that there has been very little opportunity to keep either of these boilers clean, thus reducing efficiency of operation and running the risk in the event of a breakdown of having the plant without heat.

The addition of two more new buildings, the Arts and Science Building and the Women's Dormitory, which will be completed about October 1st, means a considerably increased load.

Mr. P. L. Holland, Chief Engineer of the Public Service Commission, investigated the situation here last Winter and his report, after discussing it briefly, states:

"I recommend that immediate steps be taken to provide additional boiler capacity before the beginning of the next heating season."

In his conclusion he again called attention to the matter in the following language:

"Recommendation# 1 in regard to additional boiler capacity is believed of paramount importance, and its consideration at once is urged. The size of additional unit is a matter for determination after study of the complete picture, including prospective

additions, data as to which are not now available to me."

We had expected that when the allocation of \$750,000 part of the bond issue for construction was made, that we might get money to take care of this additional boiler. I have no information, of course, about the allocation of that part of the bond issue, but if any funds are still available, this should be taken care of. I know that the Board of Public Works is hard pressed for funds, but I certainly would be negligent in my duty if I failed to call the situation formally to your attention.

Frankly, if we are lucky we might succeed in getting through the Winter without doing anything, but on the other hand, it is possible for a serious situation to develop.

A new boiler, I am informed by the engineers, will cost \$40,000.

Sincerely,

H. C. Byrd, /s/
Acting President.

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The Board decided it could not make available to the University of Maryland the money requested in Mr. Byrd's letter because of the fact that the Board did not have any funds at its disposal for this purpose.

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The following letter from Mr. Ignatius Bjorlee, Superintendent of the Maryland State School for the Deaf at Frederick, was read and considered:

MARYLAND STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Frederick, Md.

August 21, 1935.

Mr. J. O. McCusker, Secretary,
State Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Md.

My dear Mr. McCusker:-

In accordance with our telephone communication, I am submitting herewith the estimates for alteration work to power plant in order to accomodate the school laundry, also estimated cost of moving and replacing some of the equipment:

As this is one of the most urgent requests found in the report submitted by the Underwriters, and as the removal of the equipment from the large main building with its two massive wings will reduce the insurance rate by seven cents on each hundred dollars, I feel that this, second to the stairway, is the most important of the projects requested by me.

Naturally we are very anxious to get started on this work and I am hoping that at the meeting of the Board of Public Works tomorrow, permission will be granted for us to proceed immediately with the securing of bids for this work and that we may then be authorized to accept

the lowest bid with the distinct understanding that it shall not be in excess of the amounts herein specified.

Alteration to Power House to accomodate Laundry - \$2,750.00

Removal of and replacement of some equipment
to the new building together with connections
in the way of electricity, steam, water, waste,
etc., to new quarters -

2,900.00
\$5,650.00

As the above project comes easily within the amount provided for us by the State Board of Public Works, and as it is, relatively speaking, a very small proposition, I would appreciate very much your placing this before the Board with the hope that we may be permitted to proceed as rapidly as possible with the work.

Very truly yours,

Ignatius Bjorlee /s/
Superintendent.

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The Board was agreeable to Mr. Bjorlee's request and the Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Bjorlee accordingly.

The Secretary took up with the Board the question of *mach* arranging the details for the public sale of land owned by the State in Baltimore County, north of Timonium Station along the Northern Central Railway. The Secretary was instructed to insert in the Jeffersonian and the Union News, newspapers published at Towson, Maryland, two insertions in successive weeks of notices of the sale, and to arrange with Mr. J. Walter Turnbaugh, of Butler, Baltimore County, an auctioneer, for conducting the sale.

The Secretary took up with the Board a file of correspondence from the Public Service Commission relative to the State entering into a contract with the Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Company, Baltimore City, for the furnishing of electricity to the various State agencies under one contract instead of the several contracts existing between the Consolidated Company and various State agencies at this time.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Public Service Commission and to request them to have the Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Company submit an agreement for consideration of the Board.

The Secretary took up with the Board a request received from Montrose School for Girls that it be allowed to sell some timber from its property, there being four maple trees which could be sold and from the sale of which \$200.00 could be realized. The school stated that the trees were of no particular value and that if it were allowed to sell the trees at this time and use the proceeds of \$200.00, it would be very helpful to the school, as they were very much in need of two horses for their farm work.

The Board was agreeable to the request of Montrose School for Girls and instructed the Secretary to advise the school accordingly, the money to be turned into the Treasury in the usual way and credited to the budget account of the school.

Mr. William H. Blakeman, State Budget Director, submitted to the Board a proposed budget for the Maryland State Penal Farm for the ensuing nineteen months, covering the balance of \$145,233.35 which the Farm had to its credit as of August 13, 1935, as a balance in its construction fund account, to which was added the sum of \$25,000.00 made available to the Board of Welfare for use at the Maryland State Penal Farm at the Board's meeting of August 7th, 1935.

The Board approved the proposed budget submitted by Mr. Blakeman and authorized the Comptroller to set up an account on the books of the State Treasury in accordance with the schedule therewith and to advise the Board of Welfare that it should be governed accordingly in the expenditure of these funds in the next nineteen months.

Mr. William H. Blakeman, State Budget Director, presented to the Board a report in connection with allocations made to various State agencies out of the Emergency Reserve Fund and the Governor's fund, and the Board considered these matters in detail and adopted the budget schedule submitted for each of the various departments as submitted. This matter had received prior consideration at the meeting of the Board of Public Works on August 7th and the report submitted by Mr. Blakeman at today's meeting presented budgets for the various State agencies in their final form.

The Board approved the detailed schedules and the master sheet submitted by Mr. Blakeman and ordered them filed by the Secretary.

The following letter from the Maryland State School for the Deaf, of August 10th, 1935, was read and considered:

MARYLAND STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Frederick, Md.

August 10, 1935.

State Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Md.

To the Honored Gentlemen of the Board:

In accordance with authority given us by your committee to make expenditures not to exceed \$12,000.00 and covering improvements recommended by the Under writers report, we have had specifications drawn for the rebuilding of open stairways to the rear of the Administration Building.

Bids in hand are as follows:

MacMurray Construction Company, Inc. Baltimore, Md.	\$5,296.00
Lloyd C. Culler, Frederick, Md.	4,945.00
Charles S. Hahn Frederick, Md.	4,525.00

In addition to these bids, \$43.00 should be added to that of Lloyd C. Culler and Charles S. Hahn as their was an option on the electrical wiring which we feel ought to be included.

We are very anxious to get this work under way immediately as there will be considerable inconvenience to us until these stairways shall have been completed and we are hoping to get as much of the work done as possible prior to the return of the children from their homes in September.

We feel that Mr. Hahn, who has erected two of our fireproof stairways of exactly the same construction as that now proposed and who is the low bidder, should be given the contract, and would respectfully request your authority for procedure.

Very truly yours,

Ignatius Bjorlee /s/
Superintendent.

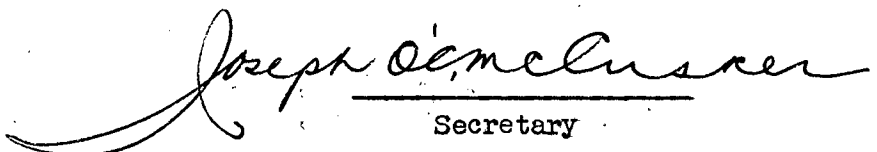
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The Board voted to authorize Mr. Bjorlee to award to Mr. Charles S. Hahn, Frederick, Maryland, a contract for the work at his bid of \$4,525.00, plus \$43.00 additional for some electric wiring not included in the amount of \$4,525.00.

The Board took up the question of the filing of applications by State agencies with the Federal Public Works Administration for grants for construction purposes. It was unanimously agreed that before any agencies file applications with the Federal Government for aid in financing construction, the agencies should submit their propositions to the Board of Public Works for approval.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned.


Secretary

*The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board that there had been allotted to St. Mary's Female Seminary out of the April 15th, 1935 installment of the Emergency Bond Issue of 1935, for construction at State institutions, the sum of \$2,500.00 for extending the sewerage disposal line at the institution. The Board was agreeable that the institution make application to the Works Progress Administration for whatever aid it might be possible to secure in connection with the work.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON AUGUST 22nd, 1935

A special meeting of the Board of Public Works of Maryland held pursuant to the preceding call of the Secretary was held on the 22nd day of August, 1935.

The meeting was called to order by Harry W. Nice, Governor of Maryland, and on roll call the following answered present:

Harry W. Nice, Governor
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

The following were absent:

None.

After discussion of the offer of the United States of America to the Eastern Shore State Hospital to aid by way of grant in financing the construction of an addition to the Eastern Shore State Hospital consisting of three story fireproof building at Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland, the following resolution, numbered _____, and entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE EASTERN SHORE STATE HOSPITAL OF THE OFFER OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE EASTERN SHORE STATE HOSPITAL TO AID BY WAY OF GRANT IN FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO THE EASTERN SHORE STATE HOSPITAL CONSISTING OF THREE STORY FIREPROOF BUILDING AT CAMBRIDGE, DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND, was proposed by Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., and read in full:

"Be it resolved by the Board of Public Works of Maryland:

Section 1. That the Board of Managers of the Eastern Shore State Hospital be and they are hereby authorized and directed to accept the offer of the United States of America to the Eastern Shore State Hospital to aid by way of grant in financing the construction of an addition to the Eastern Shore State Hospital consisting of three story fireproof building at Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland, a copy of which offer reads as follows:

FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION
OF PUBLIC WORKS

Washington, D. C.
August 17, 1935.
State File No. Md. 1023

Eastern Shore State Hospital,
Cambridge, Dorchester County,
Maryland.

Subject to the Rules and Regulations (PWA Form, No. 179, July 22, 1935) which are made a part hereof, the United States of America hereby offers to aid in financing the construction of an addition to the Eastern Shore State Hospital consisting of three story fireproof building at Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland (herein called the "Project") by making a grant to the Eastern Shore State Hospital (Cambridge, Dorchester County, Md.) in the amount of forty-five (45%) per centum of the cost of the project upon completion, as determined by the Federal Emergency Administrator of Public Works, but not to exceed in any event, the sum of \$72,450.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Federal Emergency Administrator
of Public Works.

By /s/ E. W. Clark
For the Assistant Administrator.

Section 2. That the Secretary be and he is hereby authorized and directed forthwith to send the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works three certified copies of this resolution and three certified copies of the proceedings of this Special Meeting in connection with the adoption of this resolution, and such further documents or proofs in connection with the authorization and acceptance of said offer as may be requested by the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works.

Comptroller.

The above resolution was seconded by Hooper S. Miles and was adopted, with the following voting aye:

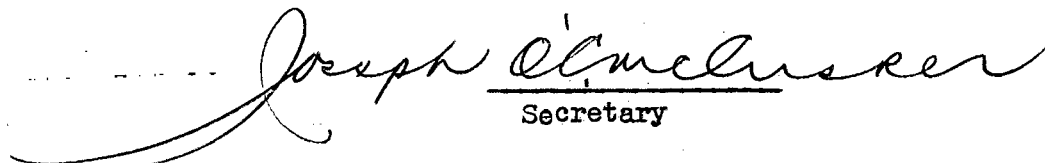
Harry W. Nice, Governor
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

and the following voting nay:

None

The Governor thereupon declared said Resolution carried and the Comptroller thereupon signed said resolution in approval thereof.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.


Secretary